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**SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY TO SCREEN *9 STAR HOTEL***  
*Film Highlights the Story of Palestinians Working in Israel Illegally*

**San Diego, CA...**The San Diego Public Library, in partnership with Media Arts Center San Diego and PBS' Point-of-View (POV) Series, will host a preview screening of *9 Star Hotel* by Israeli filmmaker Ido Haar. The film documents the lives of a group of young Palestinian men working illegally as construction laborers in Israel. This free event will take place on Sunday, July 20, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor auditorium of the Central Library, located at 820 E Street in downtown San Diego. Thomas Reifer, Ph.D., an assistant professor of sociology and ethnic studies at the University of San Diego, will facilitate a discussion after the screening.

In the film *9 Star Hotel*, young men work for Israeli contractors by day while hiding from police by night. We watch as they feel caught between Israeli security laws and a Palestinian Authority they see as having failed them. Like youth everywhere, they pass their idle hours talking about love, marriage and future hopes. This powerful vérité film illuminates the plight of young men questioning their own culture while struggling to survive in the midst of bitter conflict.

Since 1988, PBS' POV series has brought the best of independent point-of-view documentaries to a national audience, featuring the work of America's most innovative documentary filmmakers to build new communities in conversation about today's most pressing social issues. "9 Star Hotel." is scheduled to debut on national public television on July 22, 2008.

Learn about other events at the San Diego Public Library's Central Library and 35 branches, find links to numerous additional resources, or search for materials in the Library's catalog online at [www.sandiegolibrary.org](http://www.sandiegolibrary.org).

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